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Williamson County continues to be the fastest growing county in terms of percent increase during the 1980s with a 30 percent increase. Rutherford County is second with a 27.6 percent increase. Seven of the state's ten fastest growing counties are in the Nashville MSA. Hamilton County was the only county within an MSA to decrease in population.

The increase of 28,100 persons in Davidson County was second only to Shelby County, which grew by 41,900 persons.

Twelve counties decreased in population, seven of which were located in West Tennessee. Crockett County experienced the largest percent decrease during the 1980s at 5.3 percent.

1987 POPULATION ESTIMATES OF TENNESSEE MSAs

MSA	1987 Estimate	1980 Census	Net Change	Percent Change
Chattanooga	431,400	426,540	4,860	1.1%
Clarksville	156,600	150,220	6,380	4.2%
Jackson	78,100	74,546	3,554	4.8%
Johnson City, Kingsport, and Bristol	442,700	433,638	9,062	2.1%
Knoxville	594,000	565,970	28,200	5.0%
Memphis	971,900	913,472	58,428	6.4%
Nashville	956,200	850,505	105,700	12.4%
STATE	4,855,000	4,591,023	264,000	5.7%

1987 POPULATION ESTIMATES RELEASED

The Bureau of the Census has released 1987 population estimates for counties. Tennessee was estimated to have grown to 4,855,000 persons, an increase of 264,000 persons or 5.7 percent since 1980.

Approximately 77 percent of the state's growth since 1980 occurred in the state's 27 Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) counties. This indicates that economic growth continues to be focused in urban areas. Forty percent of the state's growth has occurred in the eight counties of the Nashville MSA. The Chattanooga MSA has grown the least during the 1980s, increasing only 1.1 percent.

1987 COUNTY POPULATION ESTIMATES

COUNTY	1987	1986	1980	CHANGE 1980-87	
				NUMBER	PERCENT
ANDERSON	69,800	69,100	67,348	2,500	3.6
BEDFORD	29,500	29,200	27,916	1,600	5.6
BENTON	15,000	15,000	14,901	100	0.9
BLEDSoE	9,600	9,600	9,478	100	1.5
BLOUNT	83,800	82,700	77,770	6,100	7.8
BRADLEY	72,900	72,100	67,547	5,300	7.9
CAMPBELL	35,400	35,500	34,923	500	1.5
CANNON	10,900	10,800	10,234	700	6.6
CARROLL	28,000	28,000	28,285	-300	-0.9
CARTER	51,400	51,300	50,205	1,200	2.3
CHEATHAM	25,800	24,800	21,616	4,200	19.3
CHESTER	13,100	12,800	12,727	400	2.9
CLAIBORNE	26,600	26,300	24,595	2,000	8.0
CLAY	7,800	7,900	7,676	100	1.6
COCKE	29,400	29,300	28,792	600	1.9
COFFEE	41,700	41,300	38,311	3,400	8.7
CROCKETT	14,100	14,200	14,941	-800	-5.3
CUMBERLAND	32,700	31,700	28,676	4,000	14.1
DAVIDSON	505,900	497,800	477,811	28,100	5.9
DECATUR	11,000	11,100	10,857	200	1.6
DEKALB	14,500	14,400	13,589	900	6.5
DICKSON	33,800	32,900	30,037	3,800	12.5
DYER	34,300	34,300	34,663	-400	-1.1
FAYETTE	26,300	25,900	25,305	1,000	3.8
FENTRESS	15,700	15,600	14,826	900	5.8
FRANKLIN	34,200	33,900	31,983	2,200	7.0
GIBSON	48,700	48,800	49,467	-800	-1.6
GILES	24,700	24,800	24,625	0	0.1
GRAINGER	17,400	17,400	16,751	700	4.0
GREENE	56,500	56,600	54,422	2,100	3.8
GRUNDY	14,500	14,400	13,787	700	4.8
HAMLEN	52,500	52,700	49,300	3,200	6.5
HAMILTON	287,300	284,900	287,643	-300	-0.1
HANCOCK	6,800	6,800	6,887	-100	-1.8
HARDEMAN	24,300	24,100	23,873	500	1.9
HARDIN	22,100	22,200	22,280	-100	-0.6
HAWKINS	45,100	44,800	43,751	1,400	3.2
HAYWOOD	20,800	21,000	20,318	500	2.5
HENDERSON	22,600	22,500	21,390	1,200	5.8

COUNTY	1987	1986	1980	CHANGE 1980-87	
				NUMBER	PERCENT
HENRY	29,300	29,400	28,656	600	2.1
HICKMAN	16,500	16,200	15,151	1,400	9.0
HOUSTON	7,100	7,100	6,871	200	3.6
HUMPHREYS	16,000	16,000	15,957	0	0.3
JACKSON	9,300	9,400	9,398	-100	-1.0
JEFFERSON	33,500	33,400	31,284	2,200	7.2
JOHNSON	14,100	14,200	13,745	400	2.9
KNOX	329,400	326,300	319,694	9,700	3.0
LAKE	7,500	7,500	7,455	0	-0.1
LAUDERDALE	25,200	25,100	24,555	700	2.7
LAWRENCE	35,200	34,900	34,110	1,100	3.1
LEWIS	10,400	10,400	9,700	700	7.7
LINCOLN	27,200	27,000	26,483	700	2.8
LOUDON	30,800	30,400	28,553	2,300	7.9
MCMINN	43,300	43,200	41,878	1,400	3.4
MCNAIRY	23,900	23,600	22,525	1,400	6.1
MACON	16,300	16,100	15,700	600	3.6
MADISON	78,100	77,900	74,546	3,600	4.8
MARION	25,400	25,200	24,416	1,000	4.0
MARSHALL	21,100	20,800	19,698	1,400	7.0
MAURY	54,400	54,000	51,095	3,300	6.6
MEIGS	8,100	8,000	7,431	700	9.2
MONROE	30,600	30,400	28,700	1,900	6.8
MONTGOMERY	94,000	92,400	83,342	10,700	12.8
MOORE	4,800	4,900	4,510	200	5.5
MORGAN	16,900	16,800	16,604	300	1.9
OBITON	33,000	33,000	32,781	300	0.8
OVERTON	18,000	17,800	17,575	400	2.4
PERRY	6,400	6,400	6,111	300	5.4
PICKETT	4,500	4,600	4,358	200	3.9
POLK	13,700	13,800	13,602	100	0.9
PUTNAM	51,800	50,800	47,690	4,100	8.5
RHEA	25,300	25,000	24,235	1,100	4.4
ROANE	49,600	49,500	48,425	1,100	2.4
ROBERTSON	41,900	40,500	37,021	4,900	13.2
RUTHERFORD	107,300	102,500	84,058	23,200	27.6
SCOTT	20,700	20,800	19,259	1,400	7.2
SEQUATCHIE	8,900	8,900	8,605	300	3.8
SEVIER	47,800	46,800	41,418	6,400	15.4

1987 COUNTY POPULATION ESTIMATES

COUNTY	1987	1986	1980	CHANGE 1980-87	
				NUMBER	PERCENT
SHELBY	819,000	810,700	777,113	41,900	5.4
SMITH	14,700	14,700	14,935	-200	-1.6
STEWART	9,400	9,200	8,665	800	9.0
SULLIVAN	147,300	146,200	143,968	3,300	2.3
SUMNER	99,600	96,700	85,790	13,800	16.1
TIPTON	36,900	36,000	32,930	3,900	11.9
TROUSDALE	6,100	6,000	6,137	-100	-1.2
UNICOI	16,800	16,800	16,362	400	2.4
UNION	12,300	12,200	11,707	600	4.7
VAN BUREN	4,800	4,800	4,728	100	1.4
WARREN	33,500	33,400	32,653	800	2.5
WASHINGTON	91,500	91,200	88,755	2,800	3.1
WAYNE	14,200	14,100	13,946	200	1.6
WEAKLEY	32,800	32,700	32,896	0	-0.1
WHITE	20,300	20,200	19,567	700	3.8
WILLIAMSON	75,500	72,000	58,108	17,400	30.0
WILSON	66,400	63,800	56,064	10,300	18.4

NEW PUBLICATION BY RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

Annual Planning Information (API)

Arranged by service delivery area, this publication provides information on population, labor force, industrial employment, unemployment insurance claimants, economically disadvantaged, veteran population, and average wages.

COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

COUNTY	OCTOBER		COUNTY	OCTOBER	
	1988	1987		1988	1987
ANDERSON	5.4	5.6	LAUDERDALE	5.8	5.9
BEDFORD	7.4	6.2	LAWRENCE	19.6	10.0
BENTON	6.4	8.4	LEWIS	8.3	8.6
BLED SOE	3.8	4.3	LINCOLN	5.6	5.3
BLOUNT	5.4	5.2	LOUDON	5.7	5.9
BRADLEY	5.0	5.2	MCMINN	6.0	6.5
CAMPBELL	11.6	12.1	MCNAIRY	7.2	8.4
CANNON	7.0	8.8	MACON	8.3	6.0
CARROLL	6.9	9.4	MADISON	5.9	7.2
CARTER	6.8	5.7	MARION	9.0	9.6
CHEATHAM	3.3	4.0	MARSHALL	3.8	7.1
CHESTER	5.4	5.1	MAURY	5.0	5.7
CLAIBORNE	7.1	6.8	MEigs	9.7	7.6
CLAY	4.6	3.4	MONROE	6.5	6.1
COCKE	11.9	10.1	MONTGOMERY	8.1	8.3
COFFEE	6.1	7.1	MOORE	4.8	5.0
CROCKETT	5.4	6.8	MORGAN	7.2	7.9
CUMBERLAND	7.4	7.5	OBION	5.3	5.6
DAVIDSON	3.9	3.8	OVERTON	6.5	7.2
DECATUR	6.4	8.1	PERRY	5.8	9.6
DEKALB	8.0	6.8	PICKETT	11.0	12.1
DICKSON	6.0	6.0	POLK	10.9	13.0
DYER	5.6	7.9	PUTNAM	4.5	4.8
FAYETTE	7.0	5.5	RHEA	10.5	7.0
FENTRESS	9.4	9.5	ROANE	5.6	5.1
FRANKLIN	5.9	6.2	ROBERTSON	5.3	6.2
GIBSON	7.2	7.5	RUTHERFORD	5.0	4.9
GILES	8.1	8.2	SCOTT	9.2	12.5
GRAINGER	5.4	6.8	SEQUATCHIE	6.6	6.9
GREENE	6.4	8.5	SEVIER	4.3	5.3
GRUNDY	9.5	10.8	SHELBY	4.9	5.1
HAMBLEN	6.5	6.8	SMITH	2	5.6
HAMILTON	5.6	4.6	STEWART	2.7	6.6
HANCOCK	5.8	6.3	SULLIVAN	1.2	6.9
HARDEMAN	6.5	10.2	SUMNER	5.6	5.5
HARDIN	8.0	7.6	TIPTON	6.2	5.0
HAWKINS	5.4	4.4	TROUSDALE	4.8	4.3
HAYWOOD	7.9	8.8	UNICOI	5.3	5.9
HENDERSON	6.3	7.3	UNION	6.0	7.4
HENRY	8.0	15.7	VAN BUREN	5.9	6.8
HICKMAN	7.1	6.8	WARREN	8.5	8.0
HOUSTON	9.3	9.9	WASHINGTON	4.7	4.7
HUMPHREYS	10.5	12.5	WAYNE	11.6	8.3
JACKSON	9.1	5.5	WEAKLEY	5.9	4.8
JEFFERSON	4.3	5.3	WHITE	7.1	10.4
JOHNSON	17.9	9.3	WILLIAMSON	2.8	2.5
KNOX	5.4	4.5	WILSON	4.6	5.1
LAKE	5.0	7.9			

TENNESSEE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	October 1987				Revised September 1988				Preliminary October 1988			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate
U. S. 1/	120,744,000	113,898,000	6,845,000	5.7	121,842,000	115,474,000	6,368,000	5.2	122,432,000	116,250,000	6,182,000	5.0
TENNESSEE 2/	2,362,700	2,228,300	134,400	5.7	2,320,200	2,189,500	130,700	5.6	2,328,200	2,197,300	130,900	5.6
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS												
CHATTANOOGA	208,200	198,000	10,200	4.9	211,300	199,300	12,000	5.7	212,800	201,000	11,800	5.5
JOHNSON CITY, KINGSPORT, AND BRISTOL	218,500	205,400	13,100	6.0	216,500	205,500	11,000	5.1	215,900	205,500	10,400	4.8
KNOXVILLE	285,800	271,700	14,100	4.9	277,700	263,900	13,800	5.0	277,900	263,300	14,600	5.3
MEMPHIS	451,500	428,000	23,500	5.2	445,800	423,300	22,500	5.0	448,700	425,800	22,900	5.1
NASHVILLE	525,300	503,000	22,300	4.2	501,500	479,100	22,400	4.5	502,000	480,600	21,400	4.3

1/ Error range for these estimates is plus or minus 0.2 percentage points.

2/ Error range for these estimates cannot be computed.

Tennessee's preliminary unemployment rate for October remained at 5.6 percent, unchanged from the September rate. This was the lowest October rate since 1979 when the rate was 5.2 percent. Traditionally, the unemployment rate declines slightly in the fall, flattens out by October, and because of seasonal trends begins to rise in November and December. This October has been a little better than average because the unemployment rate remained the same as the previous month. On a ten year comparison, the rate usually increases by one-tenth of a percentage point from September to October. Last October the unemployment rate was 5.7 percent.

Nonagricultural employment reached a record level of 2,074,100. Record level employment was also set in nonmanufacturing where employment reached 1,574,600.

From September to October, the major employment increase was in trade, up by 2,400; retail trade was up by 1,700. Employment continued to expand in local government with an increase of 2,800, which was attributed to schools being back in session. The major decreases for the month were

reported in federal government, down by 1,200; nonelectrical machinery, down by 300; electrical and electronic machinery, down by 300; and transportation equipment, down by 300.

Over the year, services took the lead in employment growth with an increase of 8,500. Trade experienced an increase of 6,800, of which approximately 4,500 occurred in retail trade.

Statewide, the unemployment rate was up in 38 counties; 49 counties declined; and eight counties remained unchanged from September. Of Tennessee's 95 counties, 86 had an unemployment rate of less than 10 percent.

Williamson County at 2.8 percent, unchanged from September, once again reported the lowest unemployment rate, followed by Cheatham County at 3.3 percent, up from 3.1 percent. Lawrence County at 19.6 percent, up from 17.6 percent, recorded the highest unemployment rate in the state. Johnson County followed at 17.9 percent unemployment, down from 18.4 percent.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

STATEWIDE

INDUSTRY	OCTOBER 1987	SEPTEMBER 1988	OCTOBER 1988	Net Change	
				OCT. 1987 to OCT. 1988	SEP. 1988 to OCT. 1988
TOTAL	2056.3	2069.9	2074.1	17.8	4.2
Manufacturing	503.6	499.8	499.5	-4.1	-0.3
Durable Goods	247.8	248.1	247.6	-0.2	-0.5
Lumber & Wood Products	20.6	19.8	19.7	-0.9	-0.1
Furniture & Fixtures	28.5	27.9	28.4	1.9	0.5
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	14.9	14.7	14.9	0.0	0.2
Primary Metal Industries	18.6	18.0	18.2	0.6	0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	40.5	40.5	40.3	-0.2	-0.2
Machinery, Except Electrical	37.2	38.0	37.7	0.5	-0.3
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	37.4	38.1	37.8	0.4	-0.3
Transportation Equipment	34.5	32.0	31.7	-2.8	-0.3
Instruments & Related Products	9.4	9.7	9.7	0.3	0.0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	11.2	11.4	11.2	0.0	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	255.8	251.7	251.9	-3.9	0.2
Food & Kindred Products	39.8	40.4	40.8	1.0	0.4
Meat Products	8.2	8.7	8.6	0.4	-0.1
Dairy Products	2.9	2.8	2.8	-0.1	0.0
Tobacco Manufactures	1.2	1.1	1.1	-0.1	0.0
Textile Mill Products	23.8	21.8	21.7	-2.1	-0.1
Knitting Mills	11.7	10.9	10.8	-0.9	-0.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	3.1	2.6	2.6	-0.5	0.0
Apparel Products	66.5	61.7	61.6	-4.9	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	18.8	19.1	19.1	0.3	0.0
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Indus.	33.1	33.9	34.1	1.0	0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.5	37.6	37.4	-0.1	-0.2
Petroleum Refining & Related Indus.	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.0
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics	24.3	25.5	25.5	1.2	0.0
Leather & Leather Products	9.9	9.6	9.6	-0.3	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	1552.7	1570.1	1574.6	21.9	4.5
Mining	6.6	6.5	6.4	-0.2	-0.1
Construction	102.2	102.0	101.8	-0.4	-0.2
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	105.5	108.1	107.9	2.4	-0.2
Trade	481.7	486.1	488.5	6.8	2.4
Wholesale Trade	125.3	128.9	127.6	2.3	0.7
Wholesale Durable Goods	70.9	71.3	71.7	0.8	0.4
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	54.4	55.6	55.9	1.5	0.3
Retail Trade	356.4	359.2	360.9	4.5	1.7
Building Materials & Garden Supp.	14.7	14.1	14.0	-0.7	-0.1
General Merchandise Stores	51.4	51.3	52.5	1.1	1.2
Food Stores	59.8	58.1	58.5	-1.3	0.4
Automotive Dirs. & Serv. Stations	43.0	42.9	42.9	-0.1	0.0
Apparel & Accessory Stores	18.9	17.8	17.9	-1.0	0.1
Furniture & Home Furnishings	13.7	13.9	13.7	0.0	-0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	113.8	120.5	120.7	6.9	0.2
Miscellaneous Retail	41.2	40.6	40.7	-0.5	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	103.8	103.5	103.6	-0.2	0.1
Banking	27.7	28.4	28.3	0.6	-0.1
Insurance Carriers	25.0	24.6	24.7	-0.3	0.1
Services	418.8	427.1	427.3	8.5	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging	30.5	32.0	32.2	1.7	0.2
Personal Services	26.5	27.7	27.7	1.2	0.0
Business Services	86.3	85.3	85.8	-0.5	0.5
Health Services	133.2	138.1	138.4	5.2	0.3
Hospitals	64.9	67.7	67.8	2.9	0.1
Government	334.0	336.8	339.1	5.1	2.3
Federal	63.0	59.9	58.7	-4.3	-1.2
State & Local	271.1	276.9	280.4	9.3	3.5
State	75.9	76.8	77.5	1.6	0.7
Local	195.2	200.1	202.9	7.7	2.8

*Data includes all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

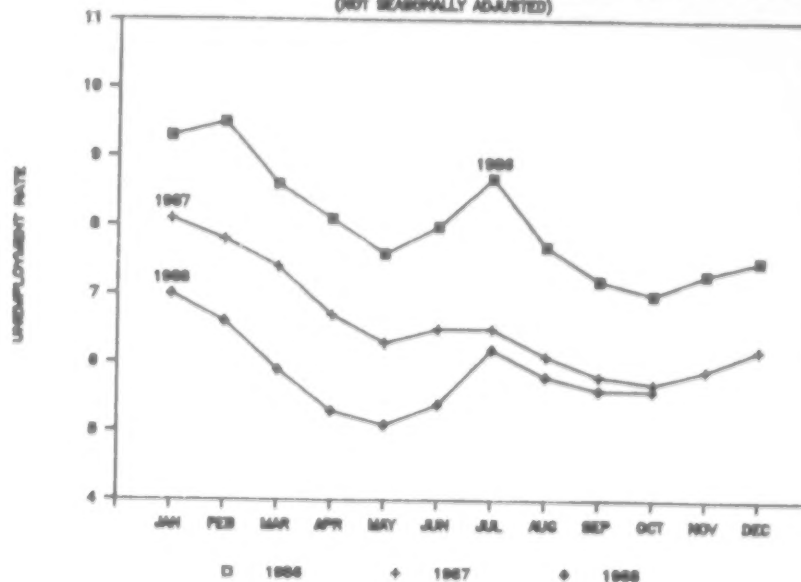
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HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1988	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1988	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1988
All Manufacturing	370.40	371.43	371.70	41.9	41.5	41.3	8.84	8.95	9.00
Durable Goods	403.12	388.44	388.86	42.3	41.5	41.5	9.53	9.36	9.37
Lumber & Wood Products	251.33	252.40	252.40	40.8	40.0	40.0	6.16	6.31	6.31
Furniture & Fixtures	280.99	299.03	297.52	39.8	40.3	40.7	7.06	7.42	7.31
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Conc.	541.68	533.61	562.63	46.1	46.2	47.6	11.75	11.55	11.82
Primary Metal Industries	527.54	496.51	497.08	43.1	43.1	43.0	12.24	11.52	11.56
Fabricated Metal Products	411.16	426.64	421.46	41.7	42.2	42.4	9.86	10.11	9.54
Machinery	390.28	379.61	372.27	42.7	40.6	39.9	9.14	9.35	9.33
Instruments & Related Prod.	357.11	381.02	372.78	39.9	44.1	43.6	8.95	8.64	8.55
Nondurable Goods	337.40	353.58	353.42	41.5	41.5	41.0	8.13	8.52	8.62
Food & Kindred Products	335.34	361.18	354.45	40.5	41.9	41.7	8.28	8.62	8.50
Textile Mill Products	284.24	299.94	295.60	41.8	41.6	41.4	6.80	7.21	7.14
Apparel Products	210.92	212.06	206.45	38.7	37.8	37.4	5.45	5.61	5.52
Paper & Allied Products	491.04	520.78	498.20	46.5	46.4	47.0	10.56	10.76	10.60
Chemical & Allied Prod.	461.32	493.00	488.71	41.3	42.5	39.7	11.17	11.60	12.31
Rubber & Misc. Plastics	443.09	412.89	461.84	46.3	40.4	42.1	9.57	10.22	10.97
Leather & Leather Products	245.01	265.55	261.27	40.7	42.9	43.4	6.02	6.19	6.02

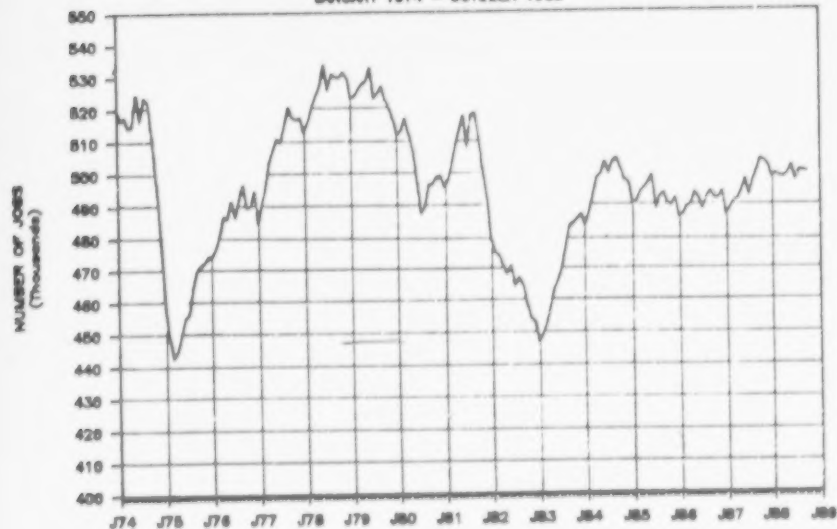
TENNESSEE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1986-1988

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



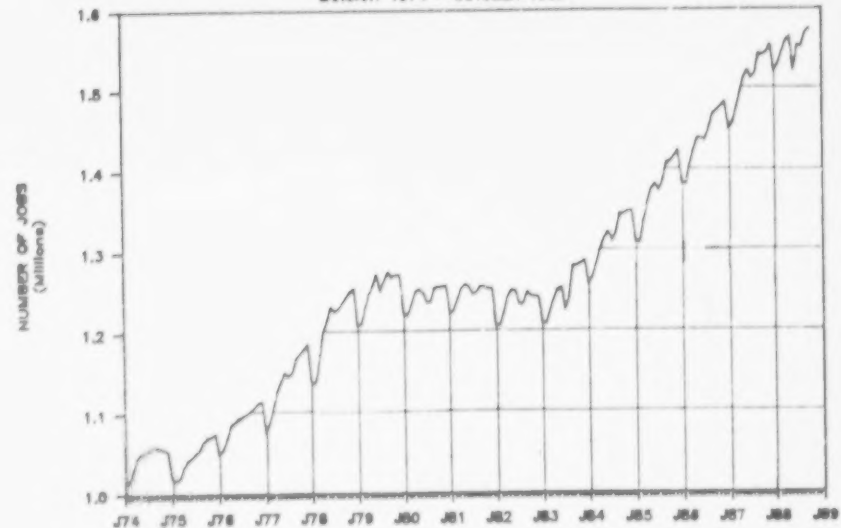
MANUFACTURING JOBS IN TENNESSEE

JANUARY 1974 - OCTOBER 1988



NONMANUFACTURING JOBS IN TENNESSEE

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STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

STATE BENEFIT PROGRAM

CLAIMS	October 1987	September 1988	October 1988
Initial Claims	22,803	24,185	25,948
Continued Weeks Claimed	116,755	132,179	129,782
Nonmonetary Determinations	3,591	3,782	3,706
Appeals Decisions	1,411	1,315	1,113
Lower Authority	1,237	1,111	912
Higher Authority	174	204	201
Hearings-Other States	0	0	0
BENEFITS			
Amount Paid	\$10,087,335	\$12,143,186	\$12,374,419
Benefit Weeks Paid	103,170	117,000	113,428
Average Weekly Benefit Amount	\$ 103	\$ 109	\$ 109
First Payments	7,232	8,034	8,353
Final Payments	2,798	2,568	2,787
Average Weeks Duration	12	11	11
Trust Fund Balance	\$488,822,682	\$561,839,814	\$564,471,103

FEDERAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS

	October 1987	September 1988	October 1988
FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES:			
Benefits Paid	\$500,786	\$1,189,262	\$1,445,687
Benefit Weeks Paid	3,097	7,211	9,099
Initial Claims	477	831	1,476
Continued Weeks Claimed	3,342	7,829	10,174
Appeals Decisions	14	14	21
FORMER MILITARY PERSONNEL:			
Benefits Paid	\$158,835	\$165,968	\$144,772
Benefit Weeks Paid	1,208	1,174	1,017
Initial Claims	199	186	187
Continued Weeks Claimed	1,245	1,273	1,195
Appeals Decisions	10	5	5

CHATTANOOGA MSA

During October, total nonagricultural employment in the Chattanooga MSA increased by 1,900 to 195,200. This figure was 4,900 greater than the October 1987 level of 190,300. Manufacturing employment increased by 600 jobs over the month with no industry reporting a change greater than

100. Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 1,400 jobs over the month and by 3,900 jobs over the year to 148,200. State and local government increased by 900 jobs due to the reopening of schools, while federal government decreased by 200 jobs due to layoffs.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	October 1987	September 1988	October 1988	Net Change	
				Oct. 1987 to Oct. 1988	Sept. 1988 to Oct. 1988
TOTAL	190.3	193.3	195.2	4.9	1.9
Manufacturing	46.0	46.5	47.1	1.1	0.6
Durable Goods	17.1	17.2	17.6	0.5	0.4
Lumber & Wood Products	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.2	0.1
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	1.5	1.3	1.4	-0.1	0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.9	3.9	4.0	0.1	0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	3.4	3.7	3.7	0.3	0.0
Machinery, Except Electrical	2.1	1.7	1.7	-0.4	0.0
All Other Durable Goods	5.5	5.8	5.9	0.4	0.1
Nondurable Goods	28.9	29.3	29.4	0.5	0.1
Food & Kindred Products	6.7	6.9	6.9	0.2	0.0
Textile Mill Products	12.4	12.6	12.5	0.1	-0.1
Knitting Mills	2.7	2.4	2.4	-0.3	0.0
Apparel Products	1.2	1.3	1.4	0.2	0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	3.5	3.5	3.6	0.1	0.1
All Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.0	0.1
Nonmanufacturing	144.3	146.8	148.2	3.9	1.4
Mining	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	8.6	9.5	9.6	1.0	0.1
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	8.5	8.5	8.5	0.0	0.0
Trade	44.7	44.9	44.9	0.2	0.0
Wholesale Trade	11.0	11.5	11.4	0.4	-0.1
Wholesale Durable Goods	6.7	7.0	6.9	0.2	-0.1
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.5	4.5	0.2	0.0
Retail Trade	33.7	33.2	33.5	-0.2	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	11.9	11.8	11.9	0.0	0.1
Services	36.4	38.0	38.2	1.8	0.2
Government	33.5	33.5	34.2	0.7	0.7
Federal	9.3	8.2	8.0	-1.3	-0.2
State & Local	24.1	25.4	26.3	2.2	0.9
State	5.7	5.6	6.0	0.3	0.4
Local	18.4	19.7	20.3	1.9	0.6

* Includes Hamilton, Marion, and Sequatchie counties in Tennessee and Catoosa, DeKalb, and Walker counties in Georgia.

* Data include all full- and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

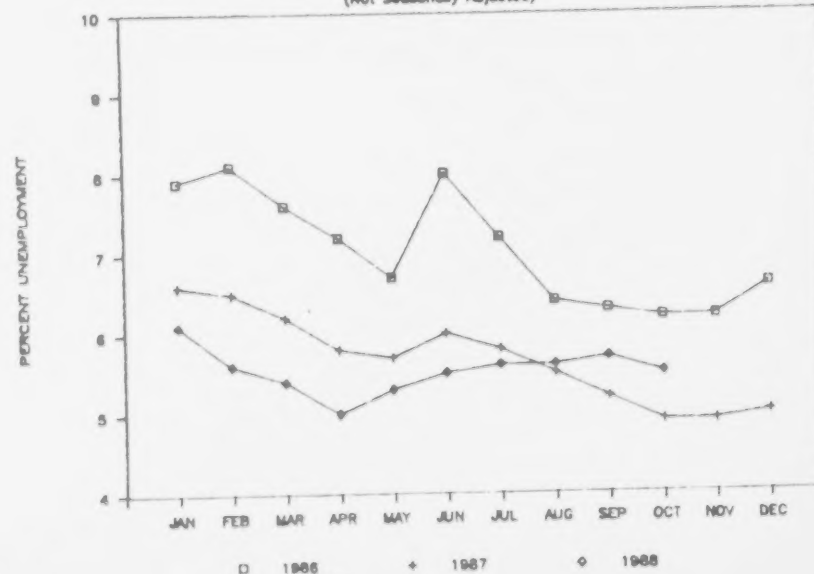
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HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

CHATTANOOGA MSA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1988	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1988	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1988
All Manufacturing	339.63	352.77	347.26	43.1	42.4	42.4	7.88	8.32	8.19
Durable Goods	367.64	399.17	371.42	42.6	44.6	42.4	8.63	8.95	8.76
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Conc.	388.62	428.65	433.38	45.4	48.6	49.7	8.56	8.82	8.72
Iron & Steel Foundries	411.58	440.22	420.47	43.6	46.0	44.4	9.44	9.57	9.47
Fabricated Metal Products	471.98	507.47	452.73	46.5	46.6	43.7	10.15	10.89	10.36
Machinery, Except Elect.	446.26	529.69	536.40	42.1	46.1	45.0	10.60	11.49	11.92
Nondurable Goods	323.33	323.87	331.14	43.4	41.1	42.4	7.45	7.88	7.81
Textile Mill Products	304.02	301.40	324.48	46.7	44.0	47.3	6.51	6.85	6.86
Knitting Mills	230.04	251.93	247.66	40.5	41.3	40.8	5.68	6.10	6.07
Paper & Allied Products	469.80	499.14	470.12	46.7	47.0	46.5	10.06	10.62	10.11
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	480.38	477.02	480.59	41.7	41.3	41.9	11.52	11.55	11.47

CHATTANOOGA MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



JOHNSON CITY, KINGSPORT AND BRISTOL MSA

During October, total nonagricultural employment in the Tri-Cities MSA remained stable, increasing slightly by 200 jobs to 165,200. This figure was 2,100 greater than the October 1987 level of 163,100. Manufacturing employment decreased slightly by 100 jobs over the month with no industry reporting a change greater than 100. Nonmanufacturing

employment increased by 300 jobs over the month and by 700 jobs over the year to 110,100. The largest monthly increase occurred in state and local government (+700). The largest yearly increases occurred in machinery and transportation equipment (+1,100) and in services (+1,700).

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)*

INDUSTRY	October 1987	September 1988	October 1988	Net Change	
				Oct. 1987 to Oct. 1988	Sept. 1988 to Oct. 1988
TOTAL	163.1	165.0	165.2	2.1	0.2
Manufacturing	53.7	55.2	55.1	1.4	-0.1
Durable Goods	21.5	22.4	22.3	0.8	-0.1
Lumber & Wood Products and Furniture & Fixtures	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.1	0.1
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	2.4	2.5	2.5	0.1	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.2	2.1	-0.3	-0.1
Machinery and Trans. Equipment	10.0	11.2	11.1	1.1	-0.1
All Other Durable Goods	4.6	4.3	4.3	-0.3	0.0
Nondurable Goods	32.2	32.8	32.8	0.6	0.0
Food & Kindred Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.1	0.1
Textile Mill Products	2.7	2.6	2.6	-0.1	0.0
Apparel Products	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
Paper & Allied Products and Printing, Publishing, Allied Ind.	6.0	6.3	6.3	0.3	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	16.1	16.4	16.3	0.2	-0.1
Nonmanufacturing	109.4	109.8	110.1	0.7	0.3
Mining	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Construction	7.3	6.7	6.7	-0.6	0.0
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	6.0	6.2	6.3	0.3	0.1
Trade	36.5	36.0	35.8	-0.7	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	6.3	6.4	6.5	0.2	0.1
Retail Trade	30.3	29.6	29.3	-1.0	-0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	5.3	5.6	5.5	0.2	-0.1
Services	29.6	31.2	31.3	1.7	0.1
Government	24.4	23.8	24.2	-0.2	0.4
Federal	4.1	4.3	4.2	-0.1	-0.1
State & Local	20.3	19.4	20.1	-0.2	0.7
State	5.4	5.0	5.3	-0.1	0.3
Local	14.9	14.5	14.7	-0.2	0.2

* Includes Washington, Carter, Unicoi, Sullivan, and Hawkins counties in Tennessee and Washington County, Scott County, and Bristol City in Virginia.

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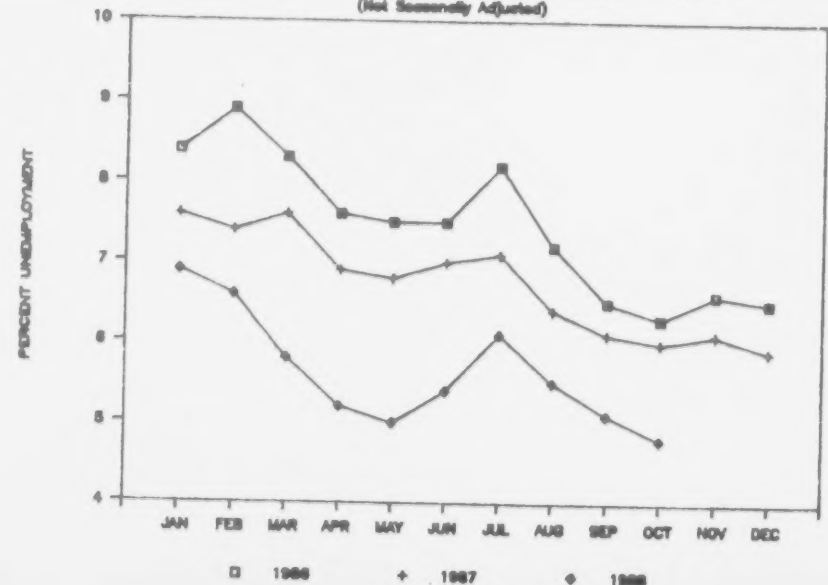
HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

TRI-CITIES MSA

	Average			Average			Average		
	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.
	1987	1988	1988	1987	1988	1988	1987	1988	1988
All Manufacturing	395.11	412.38	407.66	42.9	43.5	43.6	9.21	9.48	9.35
Durable Goods	391.00	391.19	395.87	46.0	45.7	46.3	8.50	8.56	8.55
Fabricated Metal Prod.	500.65	370.95	378.82	46.1	38.6	40.3	10.86	9.61	9.40
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	416.25	449.50	456.22	47.9	50.0	50.3	8.69	8.99	9.07
Nondurable Goods	396.73	427.14	415.17	40.9	42.0	41.6	9.70	10.17	9.98
Food & Kindred Products	344.96	368.72	364.18	38.5	44.0	43.2	8.96	8.38	8.43
Apparel Products	190.61	155.06	170.52	36.1	31.2	33.9	5.28	4.97	5.03

TRI-CITIES MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



KNOXVILLE MSA

During October, total nonagricultural employment in the Knoxville MSA remained stable, increasing slightly by 200 jobs to 253,500. This figure was 2,000 less than the October 1987 level of 255,500. Manufacturing employment decreased by 600 jobs over the month to 51,200. The largest decrease was reported in nonelectrical machinery (-400) due to temporary

layoffs. Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 800 jobs to 202,300 over the month but decreased 1,300 jobs over the year. The largest monthly increase occurred in retail trade (+800). Due to layoffs, federal government experienced a monthly decrease of 500 jobs and a decrease of 2,400 jobs over the year.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)*

INDUSTRY	October 1987	September 1988	October 1988	Net Change	
				Oct. 1987 to Oct. 1988	Sept. 1988 to Oct. 1988
TOTAL	255.5	253.3	253.5	-2.0	0.2
Manufacturing	52.0	51.8	51.2	-0.8	-0.6
Durable Goods	30.6	30.3	29.9	-0.7	-0.4
Lumber & Wood Products	2.3	1.6	1.5	-0.8	-0.1
Furniture & Fixtures	2.4	2.4	2.5	0.1	0.1
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Machinery, Except Electrical	2.9	3.0	2.6	-0.3	-0.4
All Other Durable Goods	21.3	21.6	21.6	0.3	0.0
Nondurable Goods	21.4	21.5	21.3	-0.1	-0.2
Food & Kindred Products	4.1	4.3	4.4	0.3	0.1
Textile Mill Products	2.9	2.4	2.4	-0.5	0.0
Apparel Products	8.8	9.1	8.9	0.1	-0.2
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	3.1	3.1	3.0	-0.1	-0.1
Nonmanufacturing	203.6	201.5	202.3	-1.3	0.8
Mining	1.9	1.8	1.8	-0.1	0.0
Construction	12.1	11.4	11.5	-0.6	0.1
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	10.3	10.2	10.2	-0.1	0.0
Trade	65.4	65.1	65.9	0.5	0.8
Wholesale Trade	14.2	14.3	14.3	0.1	0.0
Wholesale Durable Goods	8.6	8.7	8.8	0.2	0.1
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	5.6	5.6	5.5	-0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	51.3	50.8	51.6	0.3	0.8
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	9.6	9.6	9.6	0.0	0.0
Services	53.2	52.9	53.3	0.1	0.4
Government	51.1	50.5	50.0	-1.1	-0.5
Federal	9.5	7.6	7.1	-2.4	-0.5
State & Local	41.6	42.9	43.0	1.4	0.1
State	20.3	21.3	21.3	1.0	0.0
Local	21.3	21.6	21.6	0.3	0.0

* Includes Anderson, Blount, Grainger, Jefferson, Knox, Sevier, and Union counties.

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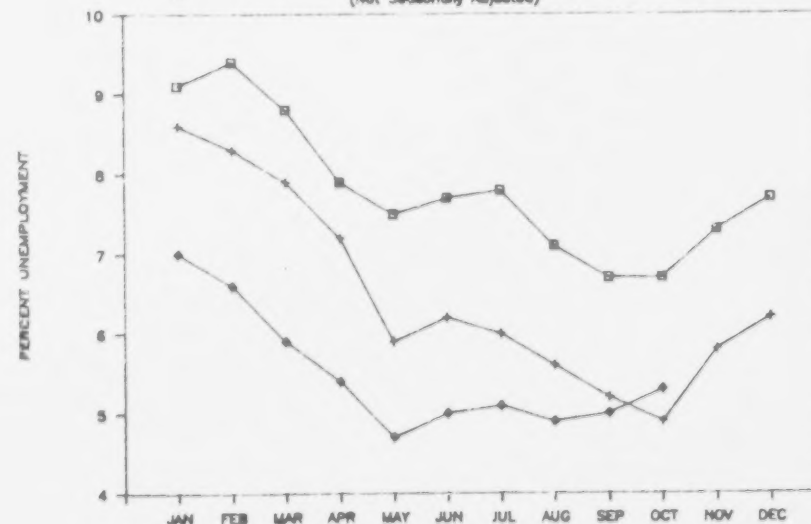
HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

KNOXVILLE MSA

	Average Weekly Earnings		Average Weekly Hours		Average Hourly Earnings	
	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1988	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1988
All Manufacturing	374.63	357.86	357.94	40.5	40.3	40.4
Durable Goods	436.71	422.26	422.00	40.7	42.1	42.2
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Conc.	336.87	333.48	321.68	39.4	39.7	37.8
Machinery, Except Elect.	400.33	376.51	383.95	43.8	42.4	42.1
Nondurable Goods	291.05	275.50	275.08	40.2	38.0	38.1
Food & Kindred Products	308.59	286.69	329.57	42.8	38.9	44.9
Textile Mill Products	253.03	261.87	261.88	40.1	40.6	39.8
Apparel Products	252.85	234.13	224.70	38.9	35.8	35.0

KNOXVILLE MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



MEMPHIS MSA

During October, total nonagricultural employment in the Memphis MSA increased by 700 jobs to 435,900. This figure was 5,200 greater than the October 1987 level of 430,700. Manufacturing employment decreased slightly by 300 jobs during the month but increased by 800 jobs over the year. The largest decrease occurred in the fabricated metal products

industry (-400) due to layoffs. Nonmanufacturing employment experienced a monthly increase of 1,000 jobs and a yearly increase of 4,400 jobs to 382,000. The largest monthly increases were reported in local government (+400) and in transportation, communication, and public utilities (+300).

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	October 1987	September 1988	October 1988	Net Change	
				Oct. 1987 to Oct. 1988	Sept. 1988 to Oct. 1988
TOTAL	430.7	435.2	435.9	5.2	0.7
Manufacturing	53.1	54.2	53.9	0.8	-0.3
Durable Goods	22.6	23.2	22.9	0.3	-0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	2.6	2.7	2.7	0.1	0.0
Sawmills & Planing Mills	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.0	-0.1
Furniture & Fixtures	1.9	2.0	1.9	0.0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	5.3	5.7	5.3	0.0	-0.4
Machinery, Except Electrical	3.9	4.0	4.1	0.2	0.1
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	2.4	2.4	2.5	0.1	0.1
All Other Durable Goods	6.5	6.4	6.4	-0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	30.5	31.0	31.0	0.5	0.0
Food & Kindred Products	8.2	8.1	8.2	0.0	0.1
Bakery Products	1.3	1.4	1.4	0.1	0.0
Apparel Products	2.1	1.9	1.9	-0.2	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	6.5	6.9	6.9	0.4	0.0
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	5.2	5.3	5.3	0.1	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	6.6	7.0	6.9	0.3	-0.1
All Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.8	1.8	-0.1	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	377.6	381.0	382.0	4.4	1.0
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	20.6	20.4	20.4	-0.2	0.0
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	39.4	40.3	40.6	1.2	0.3
Trade	119.4	120.2	120.4	1.0	0.2
Wholesale Trade	37.8	37.4	37.4	-0.4	0.0
Wholesale Durable Goods	23.2	22.8	22.8	-0.4	0.0
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	14.6	14.6	14.6	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	81.6	82.8	83.0	1.4	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.7	25.1	25.1	0.4	0.0
Services	99.9	101.9	102.0	2.1	0.1
Government	73.5	73.0	73.4	-0.1	0.4
Federal	17.8	17.8	17.7	-0.1	-0.1
State & Local	55.7	55.2	55.7	0.0	0.5
State	14.0	13.5	13.6	-0.4	0.1
Local	41.7	41.7	42.1	0.4	0.4

Includes Shelby and Tipton counties in Tennessee and Crittendon County in Arkansas.

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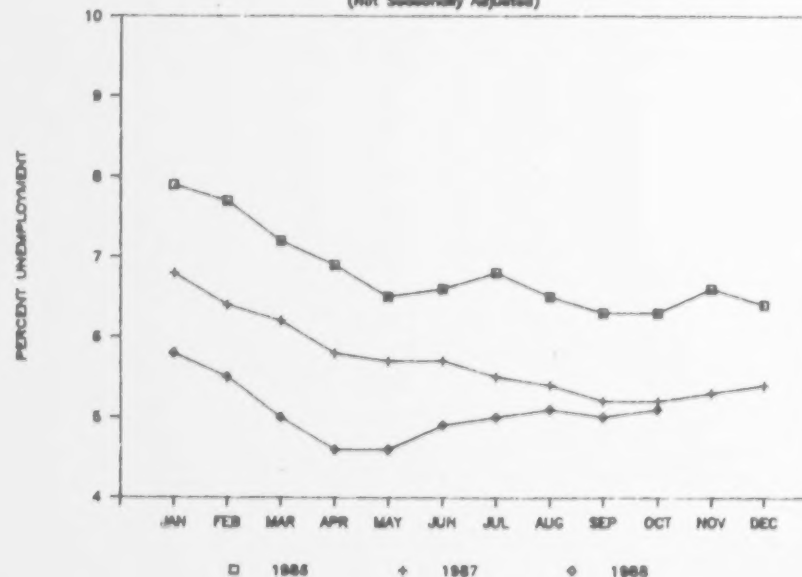
HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

MEMPHIS MSA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1988	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1988	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1988
All Manufacturing	370.52	385.31	381.12	42.2	43.1	42.3	8.78	8.94	9.01
Durable Goods	325.91	337.82	329.51	39.6	40.8	39.7	8.23	8.28	8.30
Lumber & Wood Products	230.87	229.36	220.40	41.9	41.4	40.0	5.51	5.54	5.51
Furniture & Fixtures	222.09	229.82	233.95	39.1	39.9	40.9	5.68	5.76	5.72
Nondurable Goods	412.10	428.99	427.78	44.6	45.3	44.7	9.24	9.47	9.57
Food & Kindred Products	358.70	400.37	379.26	42.4	45.6	44.1	8.46	8.78	8.60
Paper & Allied Products	525.95	524.57	491.54	52.7	52.3	49.6	9.98	10.03	9.91
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	506.92	469.53	554.12	43.7	42.3	46.1	11.60	11.10	12.02

MEMPHIS MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



NASHVILLE MSA

During October, total nonagricultural employment in the Nashville MSA increased by 2,600 jobs to 463,300. This figure was 11,600 less than the October 1987 figure of 474,900. Manufacturing employment remained stable over the month but decreased by 2,300 jobs over the year.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	October 1987	September 1988	October 1988	Net Change	
				Oct. 1987 Sept. 1988	
				to Oct. 1988	to Oct. 1988
TOTAL	474.9	460.7	463.3	-11.6	2.6
Manufacturing	89.9	87.6	87.6	-2.3	0.0
Durable Goods	50.9	48.7	48.3	-2.6	-0.4
Lumber & Wood Products	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Furniture & Fixtures	4.4	4.7	4.7	0.3	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	8.3	8.5	8.3	0.0	-0.2
Machinery	14.7	15.6	15.6	0.9	0.0
Transportation Equipment	13.1	9.4	9.2	-3.9	-0.2
All Other Durable Goods	7.9	8.0	8.0	0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	38.9	38.9	39.3	0.4	0.4
Food & Kindred Products	7.1	7.1	7.1	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	1.7	1.6	1.6	-0.1	0.0
Apparel Products	3.9	2.8	2.9	-1.0	0.1
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	13.6	14.5	14.7	1.1	0.2
Petroleum and Rubber	5.0	5.4	5.5	0.5	0.1
Leather & Leather Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	5.7	5.6	5.6	-0.1	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	385.0	373.1	375.7	-9.3	2.6
Mining	0.7	0.6	0.6	-0.1	0.0
Construction	27.6	25.6	25.6	-2.0	0.0
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	24.1	23.9	24.0	-0.1	0.1
Trade	115.8	109.9	110.2	-5.6	0.3
Wholesale Trade	30.5	31.1	31.5	1.0	0.4
Wholesale Durable Goods	18.5	18.5	18.5	0.0	0.0
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	12.0	12.6	13.0	1.0	0.4
Retail Trade	85.3	78.8	78.7	-6.6	-0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	33.6	32.9	33.0	-0.6	0.1
Services & Miscellaneous	115.8	111.8	112.4	-3.4	0.6
Government	67.6	68.4	69.9	2.3	1.5
Federal	10.6	10.8	10.9	0.3	0.1
State & Local	57.0	57.6	59.0	2.0	1.4
State	23.3	23.1	23.6	0.3	0.5
Local	33.7	34.5	35.4	1.7	0.9

*Includes Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson counties.

*Data include all full- and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 2,600 jobs over the month to 375,700 but experienced a decrease of 9,300 jobs over the year. The largest monthly increases occurred in services (+600), and state and local government (+1,400), due to the reopening of schools.

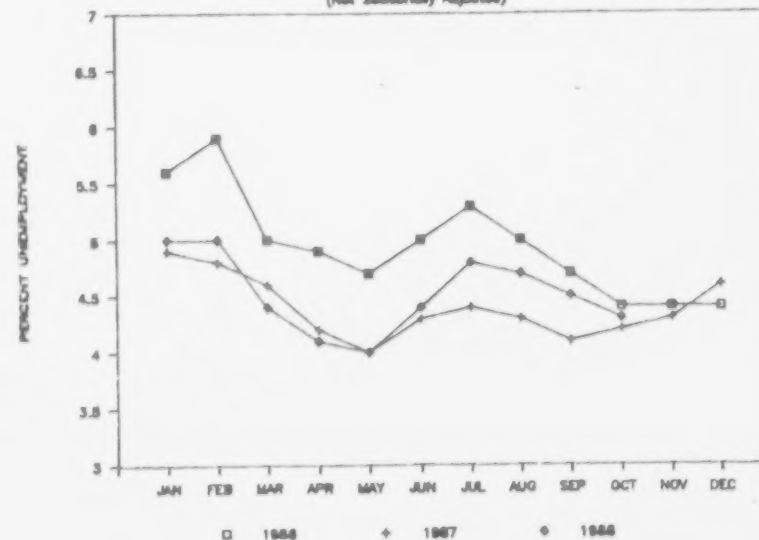
HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

NASHVILLE MSA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1988	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1988	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1988
	1987	1988	1988	1987	1988	1988	1987	1988	1988
All Manufacturing	444.13	428.29	431.99	42.5	41.4	41.9	10.45	10.35	10.31
Durable Goods	469.41	433.09	445.77	41.8	40.4	41.7	11.23	10.72	10.69
Nondurable Goods	405.10	422.69	412.43	43.7	43.0	42.3	9.27	9.83	9.75
Food & Kindred Products	418.46	453.71	423.02	42.7	43.5	41.8	9.80	10.43	10.12
Printing & Publishing	454.22	457.16	439.26	43.3	44.0	42.4	10.49	10.39	10.36

NASHVILLE MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

OCTOBER 1988

Group	All urban consumers			Wage earners & clerical workers		
	UNITED STATES	Unadjusted percent change to Oct. 1987 from		UNITED STATES	Unadjusted percent change to Oct. 1987 from	
		Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988		Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988
All items (1982=100).....	120.2	4.2	0.3	118.9	4.2	0.3
All items (1967=100).....	360.1	-	-	354.2	-	-
Food and beverages.....	120.3	5.2	0.2	120.0	5.2	0.2
Food.....	120.3	5.2	0.1	120.1	5.3	0.2
Food at home.....	119.0	5.9	0	118.7	5.8	0
Food away from home.....	123.4	4.3	0.3	121.2	4.2	0.3
Alcoholic beverages.....	119.8	4.0	0.2	119.5	4.0	0.3
Housing.....	119.9	3.8	0	118.2	3.7	0
Shelter.....	128.8	4.5	0.3	126.0	4.4	0.3
Renters' costs 1/.....	134.8	4.2	0.1	120.4	3.8	0.2
Rent, residential.....	129.4	3.7	0.2	129.0	3.6	0.2
Apparel and upkeep.....	120.7	4.6	2.5	120.1	4.3	2.5
Transportation.....	130.0	2.7	0.3	109.8	2.7	0.4
Medical care.....	141.2	6.7	0.6	141.7	6.9	0.6
Entertainment.....	121.8	4.2	0.4	121.2	4.2	0.5
Other goods & services.....	140.6	6.8	0.4	139.9	7.0	0.4
Purchasing power of the dollar: 1982=100	\$832	- 4.0	- 0.4	\$861	- 4.0	- 0.4

Group	All urban consumers			Wage earners & clerical workers		
	All items	Unadjusted percent change to Oct. 1987 from		All items	Unadjusted percent change to Oct. 1987 from	
		Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988		Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988
SOUTH (1982=100).....	118.2	3.9	0.4	117.7	3.8	0.4
Less than 50,000 pop.....	116.0	3.4	0	116.8	3.4	0
50,000 - 450,000 pop.....	117.1	3.8	0.6	117.7	3.9	0.6
450,000 - 1,200,000 pop.....	119.5	4.5	0.8	117.5	4.4	0.6
1,200,000 or more pop.....	118.9	3.6	0.2	118.1	3.5	0.2
SOUTH (Dec. 1977=100).....	191.7	-	-	190.6	-	-
Less than 50,000 pop.....	188.5	-	-	189.1	-	-
50,000 - 450,000 pop.....	189.5	-	-	190.5	-	-
450,000 - 1,200,000 pop.....	190.1	-	-	190.5	-	-
1,200,000 or more pop.....	192.0	-	-	191.4	-	-

1/ Base year is December 1982 for CPI-U, December 1984 for CPI-W

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